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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR EIU SUMMER YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

CHARLESTON -- The College of Education and Professional Studies at Eastern Illinois University is accepting students entering first through eighth grades for its Summer Youth Education Program June 24-July 25 at Charleston Junior High School.

The theme of this year's program is "Children Around the World" and features individualized instruction in reading, creative writing, spelling, handwriting, math and dramatics, as well as social studies projects in an open classroom atmosphere. Also included will be field trips, resource personnel and supervised play activity.

Instruction will be by public elementary school teachers with the assistance of EIU students in teacher education. Formal communication will be established with parents and a written assessment will be provided to them from those working with the children.

Applicants are restricted to those entering first through eighth grades. Applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with attention to maintaining a balance among each level from the various schools in the area.

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## SUMMER YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

The five-week program, beginning June 24, will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday. Due to Eastern's Buzzard Building renovation project, classes will meet at Charleston Junior High School.

The Summer Youth Education Program also is available to students in grades 1-8 who have been identified through the public schools as meeting specialized educational programming (e.g., learning disabilities/LD, behavior disorders/BD, educable mentally handicapped/EMH, etc.).

Instruction will be coordinated through the EIU Department of Special Education and will be housed in Buzzard Building. The Special Needs program will feature individualized instruction in reading, written language and math. Resource personnel and supervised play activities also are included.

The registration fee for the Summer Youth Education Program is \$25 per student. To register or for more information, call the College of Education and Professional Studies at 581-2620.